

Regulations Governing Certification of Diesel Engine Mechanics in Underground Coal Mines, 4 VAC 25-50

Summary

The Board of Coal Mining Examiners (BCME) is repealing the Diesel Engine Mechanics in Underground Coal Mines because the essential elements in the regulation have been incorporated in the certification regulation for coal miners.

There were no substantive changes made since the regulation was published in the proposed version.

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**Basis, Purpose, Substance, Issues and Response to Economic Impact Analysis
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Basis

The DMME derives its authority to promulgate this regulation from the Coal Mine Safety Act, Sections 45.1-161.28, 45.1-161.29, 45.1-161.34 and 45.1-161.35. These statutes grant the agency and Board of Coal Mining Examiners authority to develop regulations to protect the safety of miners.

Purpose

The Board of Coal Mining Examiners (BCME) is repealing the Diesel Engine Mechanics in Underground Coal Mines because the essential elements in the regulation have been incorporated in the certification regulation for coal miners. These provisions will protect the health and safety of miners. The repeal of the regulation was recommended by the industry and labor representatives that served on the regulatory review committee and in the Executive Order 15 report.

Substance

The regulation is no longer essential to ensure that workers are qualified to perform work on diesel engines. The Executive Order 15 Report recommended repeal of the regulation as stand alone requirements.

Issues

There are no disadvantages for the public in repealing the regulation.

Economic impact analysis

The economic impact statement is attached.

Agency response to economic impact analysis

The agency has no objection to the economic impact analysis.

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Summary of Public Comments and Agency Response

There were no public comments on the proposed regulation.